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Moratorium on the use of the death penalty

In the first preambular paragraph, insert the phrase "and document A/62/658" after the words "its resolution 62/149"

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Moratorium on the use of the death penalty

Delete the second preambular paragraph and replace it with the following text:

> *Noting* the decisions taken by an increasing number of States to apply a moratorium on executions, or to restrict the application of the death penalty to the most serious crimes

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Moratorium on the use of the death penalty

Insert a new operative paragraph before operative paragraph 1, reading:

Reaffirms the sovereign right of States to determine the legal measures and penalties which are appropriate to their societies, in accordance with international law

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Moratorium on the use of the death penalty

Delete operative paragraph 1 and replace it with a final preambular paragraph, reading:

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 62/149

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Moratorium on the use of the death penalty

Replace operative paragraphs 2 and 3 with the following text:

Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the present resolution for consideration at its sixty-sixth session, based on the information provided by Member States.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Promotion and protection of the rights of children: promotion and protection of the rights of children

Rights of the child

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.16

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 54 and 72 (b) of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.16, the General Assembly would:

(a) Take note with appreciation of the work of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, recognize the increased level of activity of her office and the progress achieved since the establishment of the mandate of the Special Representative, and, bearing in mind its resolution 60/231 of 23 December 2005, recommend that the Secretary-General extend the mandate of the Special Representative for a further period of three years;

(b) Request the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict to continue to submit reports to the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council on the progress achieved on the children and armed conflict agenda.

II. Background

2. In its resolution 51/77 of 12 December 1996, the General Assembly recommended that the Secretary-General appoint for a period of three years a Special Representative on the impact of armed conflict on children and called upon States and institutions concerned to provide voluntary contributions in support of

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the work of the Special Representative. The Secretary-General appointed the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict in September 1997. The scope of responsibilities of the Special Representative was described in documents A/51/306 and Add.1.

3. On 6 January 1998, the Secretary-General established the Trust Fund for Children and Armed Conflict. During the course of its initial three-year period, the Office of the Special Representative was financed by voluntary contributions.

4. In paragraph 37 of its resolution 51/77, the General Assembly requested the Special Representative to submit to the Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights an annual report containing relevant information on the situation of children affected by armed conflict, bearing in mind existing mandates and reports of relevant bodies. Since 1996, in a number of its resolutions, the Assembly has reiterated that request, while welcoming the continuing support for and voluntary contributions to the work of the Special Representative in the fulfilment of the mandate.

5. In its resolutions 54/149 of 17 December 1999 and 57/190 of 18 December 2002, the General Assembly recommended that the Secretary-General extend the mandate of the Special Representative for a further period of three years. In paragraph 3 of section V of resolution 57/190, the Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the scope and effectiveness of the United Nations system response, including recommendations for strengthening, mainstreaming, integrating and sustaining those activities.

6. In its resolution 58/245 of 23 December 2003, the General Assembly decided that the activities under the mandate of the Special Representative should be supported through regular budget funding. Before the adoption of that resolution, the Fifth Committee had decided to inform the Assembly that, should it adopt the resolution, any appropriations necessary would be considered in the context of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to section V of Assembly resolution 57/190 (see A/58/652).

7. The report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive assessment of the United Nations system response to children affected by armed conflict (A/59/331) was issued on 3 September 2004. In that report, the Secretary-General provided, inter alia, recommendations for strengthening the United Nations system response to children affected by armed conflict.

8. In paragraph 51 (c) of its resolution 59/261 of 23 December 2004, the General Assembly decided to request the Special Representative to continue to submit reports to the Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights and to ensure that they contained relevant, accurate and objective information on the situation of children affected by armed conflict, taking into account the views of Member States and the outcome document adopted by the Assembly at its special session on children and bearing in mind existing mandates and reports of relevant bodies.

9. In adopting resolution 59/261, the General Assembly also approved resources pertaining to the maintenance of operations of the Office of the Special Representative in 2005 from the regular budget.

10. The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/231 of 23 December 2005, recommended that the Secretary-General extend the mandate of the Office for a

further period of three years effective 1 January 2006. Accordingly, regular budget provisions have been provided for the Office under the programme budgets for the biennium 2006-2007 and through 31 December 2008.

III. Activities through which the requests would be implemented

11. The recommendation to extend the mandate of the Special Representative for a further period of three years, and the continuation of reporting to the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council on the progress achieved and the challenges remaining on the children and armed conflict agenda, requested in operative paragraphs 54 and 72 (b), respectively, of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.16, would reflect the continuation of the mandate of the Special Representative, described in paragraphs 36 and 37 of Assembly resolution 51/77. The extension and reporting requirement would require that necessary support be provided for effective performance of the mandate of the Office. In this regard, necessary resources would be required in order to further maintain, in 2009, 2010 and 2011, the Office of the Special Representative, which has been responsible, inter alia, for the preparation of the reports for the past several years.

12. Key elements of the mandate of the Special Representative are:

(a) To serve as a moral voice and independent advocate for the protection and well-being of children affected by armed conflict;

(b) To advocate for, build awareness about and give prominence to the rights and protection of children affected by armed conflict;

(c) To work with partners to propose ideas and approaches for enhancing the protection of children and for promoting a more concerted protection response;

(d) To undertake humanitarian and diplomatic initiatives to facilitate the work of operational actors on the ground including the promotion of international cooperation.

13. In pursuing the objectives of the programme of work, the Office of the Special Representative will pursue the following strategic approaches:

(a) Monitoring the situation of children affected by armed conflict and reporting to the General Assembly, the Security Council and other destinations for action, including the Human Rights Council and the International Criminal Court;

(b) High-level advocacy to promote awareness of and support for global initiatives to end grave violations against children affected by armed conflict;

(c) Working in consultation and partnership with key stakeholders, including Member States, regional organizations, United Nations systems partners, civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations, with a view to mainstreaming concerns in the area of children and armed conflict into the policy and strategic considerations of those bodies;

(d) Creating awareness about other protection issues related to children and armed conflict, including post-conflict situations and the specific needs of internally displaced children, the girl child and other emerging concerns.

14. In its most recent resolution on the subject, resolution 1612 (2005) of 26 July 2005, the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to implement a comprehensive monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict, and decided to establish a working group of the Council to review the reports stemming from the mechanism, thereby increasing the Council's engagement in the area of children and armed conflict. The Office of the Special Representative has been given responsibility for drafting, in consultation with key partners, the Secretary-General's annual reports to the Council on children and armed conflict as well as for the final preparation of the Secretary-General's reports to the Council's Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict. The Special Representative, as convener of the Task Force on Children and Armed Conflict, ensures that the compilation of reports is undertaken through a consultative process and that timely, reliable and high-quality reports are prepared.

15. At the time of the renewal of the mandate in 2005, the Office was responsible for preparing only three system-level reports per year, that is to say, one submitted to the Security Council, one to the General Assembly and one to the Human Rights Council. However, pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), the number of reports submitted to the Security Council has increased significantly. In addition to the three reports mentioned above, it is estimated that in 2009 an additional 11 reports, including country-specific reports, will be required. In addition, the resolution has increased the burden imposed on the Office with respect to preparing and executing field missions to Security Council priority situations, and intensive follow-up of its formal decisions in relation to these situations. When called upon, the Special Representative also serves as a facilitator, undertaking humanitarian and diplomatic initiatives to foster international cooperation and facilitate the work of operational actors on the ground with regard to children and armed conflict.

16. Field visits by the Special Representative have been a central element of her advocacy strategy for bringing high-level visibility to the situation and rights of children affected by armed conflict. Accordingly, country visits by the Special Representative would be undertaken for the purpose of meeting with Government officials, parties to conflict, the country teams and civil society organizations so as to enable her to observe first-hand the situation of children affected by armed conflict, which is essential for the fulfilment of the mandate of the Office.

17. The Special Representative's advocacy strategy also includes media outreach, events, briefings to schools and universities, and the maintenance of a website. The website of the Office is online in the six official languages of the United Nations and serves as a platform of references on children and armed conflict issues for United Nations partners, Member States, non-governmental organizations, the media and the public at large.

IV. Estimates of additional requirements

18. Currently, funding for the Office has been provided for 2008 only under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, in accordance with the current mandate of the Office. The extension of the mandate would require additional resources for the Office of the Special Representative for 2009 in the amount of $2,194,300 gross ($1,965,500 net). The provision would reflect the continuation of the current staffing complement which comprises the Special Representative

(Under-Secretary-General), a Senior Adviser (P-5); two Professional staff (P-4) responsible for day-to-day relations with United Nations entities and non-governmental organizations, as well as for assisting in the preparation of reports; one Professional staff member (P-3) responsible for outreach and public information; and three support staff (one General Service (Principal level) and two General Service (Other level)). In addition, two new Professional posts (one P-4 and one P-3) are being requested to strengthen the Office in order to meet the increased level of activities including monitoring, reporting, field visits and follow-up, as requested by the Security Council within the framework of Council resolution 1612 (2005). The cost of these 10 temporary posts would amount to $1,389,500, net of staff assessment.

19. The Office of the Special Representative would also be provided with adequate resources to cover field visits and other cooperation and coordination trips, consultancies and other office operations, commensurate with the structure and functions. The table below provides information on the estimated resource requirements for post and non-post resources (inter alia, consultants and experts, operating expenses, travel, etc.).

Resource requirements for 2009 (net)

	United States dollars
Post	1 389 500
Non-post	576 000
Total	**1 965 500**

20. Accordingly, in order to maintain the Office during 2009, additional provision of $1,965,500 (net) would need to be provided from the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. In addition, it is estimated that $228,800 would be required for staff assessment, to be offset by the same amount under income from staff assessment.

21. The resource requirements for the operation of the Office in 2010 and 2011 would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

V. Potential for absorption and contingency fund

22. There are no resources provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be made available for the support of the operations of the Office of the Special Representative in 2009. Any amount that the General Assembly may decide to allocate in support of the Office of the Special Representative would therefore need to be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 in the context of operations of the contingency fund.

23. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided

for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

VI. Action required by the General Assembly

24. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.16, additional resource requirements of $2,194,300 gross ($1,965,500 net), relating to the terms of operative paragraphs 54 and 72 (b) of the draft resolution, would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009.**

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Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 41, 51, 54, 56, 60, 61 and 62 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, the General Assembly, would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for the effective fulfilment of the mandates of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, the group of independent eminent experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Ad Hoc Committee on Complementary International Standards;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance with all the necessary human and financial assistance to carry out his mandate efficiently, effectively and expeditiously and to enable him to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

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(c) Welcome the reports of the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference on its organizational session and first and second substantive sessions (see A/62/375, A/62/112 and A/CONF.211/PC.3/11 (to be issued)) and endorse the decisions contained therein;

(d) Welcome the convening of the Regional Preparatory Meeting to the Durban Review Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brasilia from 17 to 19 June 2008, and the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa, held in Abuja from 24 to 26 August 2008, and in this regard take note of the contributions of other regional groups;

(e) Endorse decision PC.1/12 adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session (see A/62/375, annex I) on the sources of funding and financial and technical assistance, in which the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly appeal for contributions from extrabudgetary resources to cover the cost of participation of representatives of least developed countries in the Durban Review Conference, as well as representatives from other developing countries, and to request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to undertake initiatives to encourage contributions to the voluntary fund;

(f) Reiterate the decision taken by the Preparatory Committee at its second substantive session to request the General Assembly to allocate resources from the regular budget to facilitate the participation in the Durban Review Conference of the relevant human rights treaty bodies and thematic special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council (see A/63/112, annex I);

(g) Endorse the decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its first and second substantive sessions on the continuation of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference as contained in its report on its first substantive session and the excerpt from its report on its second substantive session (see A/63/112/Add.1).

II. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009

2. The activities referred to above relate to: (a) programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of programme 19, Human rights; and (c) subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009. They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 23, Human rights, and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

3. It may be recalled, with regard to the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1 (adopted as resolution 62/220), that the General Assembly was informed of the programme budget implications entailed thereby in document A/C.5/62/21. The Assembly was informed that preliminary additional resources required for the biennium 2008-2009 up to $6,794,700 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and

conference management, and section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, and that, upon conclusion of discussions and negotiations and determination of the structure of the Durban Review Conference, including the regional preparatory meetings, detailed financial implications would be submitted. Accordingly, at that time no funding was provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

4. During the course of 2008 the Secretariat has reviewed and coordinated information on the requirements to respond to the terms of resolution 62/220 in order to report on the detailed programme budget implications relating to the preparatory process and the Durban Review Conference itself. The calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009, as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/225, included the meetings for the preparatory process and the holding of the Durban Review Conference, including the new mandates arising from General Assembly resolutions 62/143 and 62/220.

III. Summary of overall estimated additional requirements

5. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, the overall estimated additional requirements for the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process are now estimated at $3,754,800.

6. The amount for which an appropriation would be sought totals only $570,400 as it is anticipated that the balance of the estimated additional requirements of $3,184,400 will be met, to a large extent, through potential absorption under the various sections reflected in table 1 below.

7. It should be noted that the estimates contained in the present detailed statement of the programme budget implications have been reduced considerably from the preliminary estimates of up to $6,794,700 reported in the above-mentioned statement (A/C.5/62/21). A number of developments in 2008 have had an impact on the level of activities implemented, as well as activities to be implemented, which have resulted in a reduction of the preliminary estimates.

8. With regard to operative paragraphs 54, 61 and 62 of the draft resolution, the Preparatory Committee, at its first and second substantive sessions, held from 21 April to 2 May, on 26 May and from 6 to 17 October 2008, took decisions regarding the nature, size and shape of the review conference, as detailed below:

(a) During a special extension of its first substantive session held on 26 May, the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review Conference decided that the Conference, which will include a high-level segment, shall be convened in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009;

(b) At its second substantive session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision PC.3/10, entitled "Participation in the Durban Review Conference", by which it decided to request the General Assembly to allocate adequate resources from the regular budget to facilitate the participation in the Review Conference of the relevant human rights treaty bodies and thematic special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council;

(c) Also at its second substantive session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision PC.3/9, entitled "Continuation of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference", by which, under the terms of its operative paragraphs (a) and (b), the Committee decided:

(i) To convene a third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in Geneva for up to three working days, from 15 to 17 April 2009;

(ii) To establish an intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group with a mandate to continue and finalize the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference on the basis of the compilation of proposals resulting from the work of the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee and any further contributions, and to report thereon to the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, and also decided that the open-ended intergovernmental working group should meet for a total of up to 10 working days in advance of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee, including a meeting on 27 November 2008, with the first session of the working group to be held from 19 to 23 January 2009, and the second session from 6 to 9 April 2009 or at any other date agreed upon by the working group.

9. The Preparatory Committee was informed of the financial implications of all decisions taken during its meetings in the course of 2008, which are currently before the General Assembly and fall under the terms of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1.

10. With regard to operative paragraph 56 of the draft resolution, in which the General Assembly would welcome the convening of the Regional Preparatory Meetings for the Review Conference held in Brasilia and Abuja, it should be noted that only two of the five meetings for which requirements were estimated have been held.

11. Although the total estimated additional requirements for the Durban Review Conference and its preparatory process amount to $3,754,800, it should be noted that as of October 2008 the actual expenditure associated with the preparatory process stood at $2,052,200. The difference in the initial estimates contained in the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/62/21) and the revised estimates provided in the present report are explained under each section of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 below. The overall additional resource requirements by section and by object of expenditure, for which an appropriation will be sought under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, are detailed in tables 2 and 3, respectively.

12. The programme budget implications for section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 23, Human rights, and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 are discussed in part IV below.

Table 1

Overall summary of revised estimates related to the Durban Review Conference, including its preparatory processes

(United States dollars)

Section	*Preliminary net requirements*[a] *A*	*Actual requirements as of 20 October 2008* *B*	*Additional requirements arising from decisions of the Preparatory Committee at its second session* *C*	*Total requirements* *D = B + C*	*Potential for absorption* *E*	*Revised estimates* *F = (D - E)*	*Difference between preliminary and revised estimates* *G = (F - A)*
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management							
1. Two sessions of the Intergovernmental Working Group	1 625 600	738 700	—	738 700	738 700	—	(1 625 600)
2. Preparatory Committee: first and second sessions	—	995 100	—	995 100	995 100	—	—
3. Five regional preparatory conferences	3 270 300	—	—	—	—	—	(3 270 300)
4. Preparatory Committee: third session	—	—	382 900	382 900	—	382 900	382 900
5. Intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group	—	—	187 500	187 500	—	187 500	187 500
6. Durban Review Conference	—	—	675 200	675 200	675 200	—	—
Subtotal, section 2	**4 895 900**	**1 733 800**	**1 245 600**	**2 979 400**	**2 409 000**	**570 400**	**(4 325 500)**
23. Human right							
1. General temporary assistance (2 P-4, 2 General Service (OL) for 18 months each)	837 000	—	—	—	—	—	(837 000)
2. Travel of experts (special representatives)	825 100	99 300	139 700	239 000	239 000	—	(825 100)
3. Travel of chairperson	—	27 100	4 800	31 900	31 900	—	—
4. Travel of staff	236 700	169 500	101 200	270 700	270 700	—	(236 700)
Consultants for three months for Durban Conference	—	—	81 000	81 000	81 000	—	—
Information campaign	—	—	78 000	78 000	78 000	—	—
Printing of outcome document	—	—	40 000	40 000	40 000	—	—
Subtotal, section 23	**1 898 800**	**295 900**	**444 700**	**740 600**	**740 600**	**—**	**(1 898 800)**
28E. Administration, Geneva							
1. Support services	—	22 500	12 300	34 800	34 800	—	—
Subtotal, section 28E	**—**	**22 500**	**12 300**	**34 800**	**34 800**	**—**	**—**
Total	**6 794 700**	**2 052 200**	**1 702 600**	**3 754 800**	**3 184 400**	**570 400**	**(6 224 300)**

[a] Includes the absorption of $253,100 under section 2, and $13,800 under section 28E, as presented in document A/C.5/62/21.

Table 2
Additional resource requirements by section of the regular budget
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	2008-2009			
Section	*Initial appropriation 2008-2009*	*Proposed change*	*Percentage*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	629 339.8	570.4	0.09	629 910.2
23. Human rights	116 938.4	—	—	116 938.4
28E. Administration, Geneva	112 185.0	—	—	112 185.0
Total	**858 463.2**	**570.4**	**0.07**	**859 033.6**

Table 3
Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Resources		
Object of expenditure	*Initial appropriation 2008-2009*	*Proposed change*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*
Posts	637 060.9	—	637 060.9
Other staff costs	68 949.5	570.4	69 519.9
Non-staff compensation	0.2	—	0.2
Consultants and experts	977.2	—	977.2
Travel of representatives	13 929.9	—	13 929.9
Travel of staff	3 265.6	—	3 265.6
Contractual services	24 335.0	—	24 335.0
General operating expenses	40 616.3	—	40 616.3
Hospitality	25.8	—	25.8
Supplies and materials	10 965.6	—	10 965.6
Furniture and equipment	8 297.5	—	8 297.5
Grants and contributions	50 039.7	—	50 039.7
Total	**858 463.2**	**570.4**	**859 033.6**

IV. Activities by which the proposals would be implemented and additional requirements by programme budget section

A. Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

Additional resource requirements: $570,400

Table 4
Requirements by component and source of funds (regular budget)
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Resources			
Section	*Initial appropriation 2008-2009*	*Change*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*	*Post changes*
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management				
A. Policymaking organs	871.8	—	871.8	—
B. Executive direction and management	5 875.6	—	5 875.6	—
C. Programme of work	618 299.3	570.4	618 869.7	—
D. Programme support	4 293.1	—	4 293.1	—
Total	**629 339.8**	**570.4**	**629 910.2**	—

Table 5
Additional resource requirements by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Resources		
Object of expenditure	*Initial appropriation 2008-2009*	*Change*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*
Posts	479 634.5	—	479 634.5
Other staff costs	62 658.6	570.4	63 229.0
Travel of representatives	327.1	—	327.1
Travel of staff	323.0	—	323.0
Contractual services	18 295.5	—	18 295.5
General operating expenses	9 019.0	—	9 019.0
Hospitality	8.3	—	8.3
Supplies and materials	8 480.3	—	8 480.3
Furniture and equipment	5 279.4	—	5 279.4
Grants and contributions	45 314.1	—	45 314.1
Total	**629 339.8**	**570.4**	**629 910.2**

13. It should be recalled that in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the above-mentioned statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/62/21), it was estimated that a net preliminary amount of $4,895,900 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, after absorption of $253,100 within the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

14. The revised estimated conference servicing requirements now amount to $2,979,400, including the actual expenditure of $1,733,800 for activities that have already taken place in 2008 and $1,245,600 for planned activities. This reflects a reduction in requirements as compared to those reported in document A/C.5/62/21 by an amount of $1,916,500. The revised estimated requirements have and will be provided to a large extent from the existing resources programmed under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for the biennium 2008-2009, in the amount of $2,409,000 for activities that have already taken place in 2008 in relation to the preparatory process and the Durban Review Conference itself, leaving a balance of $570,400, which would require additional resources under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

15. The revised estimates under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, presented herein relate principally to a reduction in the quantity of documentation requiring translation into the relevant official languages for the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group and that only two out of the five planned regional preparatory meetings were actually held. The net effect of the revisions to the initial estimates are explained below:

(a) The actual cost of the two sessions of the Intergovernmental Working Group, which amounted to $738,700, was considerably lower, by $886,900, than the estimate of $1,625,700 assumed in document A/C.5/62/21; and the cost was met from within the resources programmed under section 2 for the biennium 2008-2009;

(b) The actual cost of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa were financed from: (i) extrabudgetary resources in the amount of $187,300 with respect to the Regional Preparatory Meeting and (ii) by the host Government in the case of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean. The other three regional preparatory meetings (for Asia, Eastern Europe and the Western European and Other States) will not be held. The resources for those meetings, initially to have been financed from the regular budget in the amount of $3,270,300, will no longer be required and hence no resources in this regard are sought;

(c) The actual cost of the first and second substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee, which have already taken place, was higher, by an amount of $995,100, than initially estimated in document A/C.5/62/21, owing to the increase in the scope of services. The additional cost has been met from within the resources already programmed under section 2;

(d) Additional resource requirements would arise from the terms of operative paragraphs 54 and 62 of the draft resolution contained in A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1 in line with decision PC.3/9 of the Preparatory Committee, namely:

(i) To convene a third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in Geneva for up to three working days. This session has not been programmed in the current programme budget. The additional requirements under section 2 for the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee are estimated at $382,900;

(ii) To establish an intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group with a mandate to continue and finalize the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference, which will meet for a total of up to 10 working days in advance of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee. This requirement has not been programmed in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The additional requirements under section 2 for the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group would amount to $187 500;

(e) By its decision PC.2/13, the Preparatory Committee decided that the Durban Review Conference would be convened in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009. The conference-servicing requirements for the Durban Review Conference are estimated at $675,200. These costs would be met from the existing resources under section 2 as the Durban Review Conference has already been programmed in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2008-2009.

B. Section 23: Human rights

Additional resource requirements: Nil

Table 6
Requirements by component and source of funds (regular budget)
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Resources			
Section	*Initial appropriation 2008-2009*	*Change*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*	*Post changes*
23. Human rights				
A. Policymaking organs	9 472.5	—	9 472.5	—
B. Executive direction and management	13 033.4	—	13 033.4	—
C. Programme of work	82 835.3	—	82 835.3	—
D. Programme support	10 920.7	—	10 920.7	—
E. Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus	676.5	—	676.5	—
Total	**116 938.4**	—	**116 938.4**	—

16. With regard to operative paragraphs 41 and 51 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, it should be recalled that in his position (see A/C.5/62/21) relating to the requirements arising from paragraphs 46 and 52 of General Assembly resolution 62/220 for the fulfilment of the mandates of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent,

the group of independent eminent experts on the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, the Secretary-General reaffirmed that they would be met from within the provisions under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. With respect to the Ad Hoc Committee on Complementary International Standards, the requirements will also be met from within the provisions under section 23, Human rights.

17. With regard to operative paragraphs 54 and 62 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/51/Rev.1, it may be recalled that, in regard to General Assembly resolution 62/220, it was estimated that additional resources of $1,898,800, would arise under section 23, Human rights. As detailed in paragraph 6 of the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/62/21), the additional resources anticipated were required for:

(a) Additional support staff consisting of two staff at the P-4 level and two staff at the General Service (Other level), each for 18 months to be provided from general temporary assistance, to carry out functions related to servicing the intersessional working group ($837,000);

(b) Travel requirements for the participation of all those mandated under relevant special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council in the meetings of the Preparatory Committee and regional preparatory meetings, based on anticipated travel and daily subsistence allowance for the 16 experts to attend two meetings of the Preparatory Committee and the five regional meetings ($825,100);

(c) Travel requirements for staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to service the regional preparatory meetings ($236,700).

18. In respect of the additional support staff referred to in paragraph 17 (a) above, the Secretariat reviewed the approved appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 23, Human rights, and resorted to: (a) the use of available resources under section 23 for the two P-4 posts, bearing in mind the delayed recruitment that will occur in the implementation of the post resources approved for OHCHR; and (b) the use of extrabudgetary resources for the two General Service (Other level) posts required. The initial estimated requirements of $837,000 for such support staff are no longer required under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as they have either been met and will continue to be met from within existing resources or from voluntary contributions.

19. With regard to the requirements set out in paragraphs 17 (b) and (c) above, the additional requirements of $825,100 and $236,700 initially estimated to be required for travel of representatives and staff will no longer be sought because the actual requirements of $126,400 for travel of representatives, including the travel requirements of the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee to participate in meetings of the Preparatory Committee/Bureau and the regional preparatory meetings, and of $169,500 for travel of staff were far less than initially estimated, due in part to the fact that three of the regional preparatory meetings will not be held. The total actual requirements of $295,900 were met from within existing resources under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

20. The Preparatory Committee, by its decision PC.2/13, decided that the Durban Review Conference will be convened in Geneva from 20 to 24 April 2009. The Human Rights Council has also adopted a decision on the structure of the Conference.

21. With regard to operative paragraphs 54, 61, and 62 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, in which the General Assembly would endorse the decisions of the Preparatory Committee at its first and second substantive sessions, the attention of the General Assembly is drawn to decisions PC.3/9 and PC.3/10. In operative paragraph 62 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1 the Assembly would reiterate Preparatory Committee decision PC.3/10, by which it decided to request the Assembly to allocate adequate resources from the regular budget to facilitate the participation in the Durban Review Conference of those mandated under the relevant human rights treaty bodies and thematic special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council. It is estimated that a total amount of $424,500 will be required under section 23, Human rights, under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, in response to the terms of operative paragraphs 54, 61, and 62 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1 to cover: the travel requirements for the participation in the Review Conference of those mandated under the relevant human rights treaty bodies and thematic special procedures and mechanisms of the Human Rights Council ($119,500); the travel of the Chairperson ($4,800); the travel requirements of staff ($101,200); requirements relating to the services of consultants for three months to carry out studies for the Conference ($81,000) and an information campaign ($78,000); and for the printing of the outcome document ($40,000).

22. With regard to operative paragraph 62 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, in which the General Assembly would endorse Preparatory Committee decision PC.3/9, it is estimated that a total additional requirement of $20,200 will be required under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, for daily subsistence allowance requirements for 10 experts and the Chairperson of the Working Group on People of African Descent to participate in the third substantive session, which is expected to be held immediately before the Conference.

23. Although the requirements of $424,500 and $20,200 indicated in paragraphs 21 and 22 above have not been provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, every effort will be made to accommodate the estimated total amount of $444,700 within the approved appropriation of section 23, Human rights, under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The results will be reported within the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2008-2009.

24. With regard to operative paragraph 60 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, it may be recalled that in paragraph 9 of document A/C.5/62/21, it was initially estimated that travel requirements of approximately $804,100 for representatives from the least developed countries and representatives of national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, especially those from developing countries of the region where a regional conference was to have been held in accordance with Preparatory Committee decision PC.1/12, would be funded from available extrabudgetary resources. Under the terms of that decision PC.1/12, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/143, the Committee decided:

(a) to request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to revitalize the voluntary fund for the Durban Review Conference, which would cover expenses, other than those covered by the regular budget, related to the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference, including the needs of the intersessional working group, the participation of the representatives of national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, especially those from developing countries, as well as human rights treaty bodies and thematic special procedures; (b) to encourage the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to assist States and regional organizations that convene international, regional and national meetings and/or undertake other relevant initiatives, including at expert level, in the framework of the preparatory process for the Durban Review Conference, and to urge United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, in particular the regional economic commissions, in coordination with the High Commissioner, to provide assistance for the organization of the preparatory activities and to stress that such assistance should be supplemented by voluntary contributions; and (c) to recommend that the General Assembly appeal for contributions from extrabudgetary resources to cover the cost of participation of representatives of the least developed countries in the preparatory processes, including the first and second substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee, the relevant regional preparatory meetings and the Durban Review Conference.

25. The actual extrabudgetary resources utilized for participation in the Preparatory Committee amounted to $53,100. It is estimated that approximately $1,071,100 of extrabudgetary resources will be required for the participation of non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions, including programme support requirements, in relation to the Durban Review Conference. To date, the extrabudgetary resources to fund these requirements and to be sufficiently responsive to the terms of operative paragraph 60 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1 relating to participation in the Durban Review Conference have not been received at the level expected.

26. Modifications to the outputs under subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of the programme of work under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 23)), would be required, as follows:

> In paragraph 23.66 (a) (iii) a., the words "meetings of the Intergovernmental Working Group to Follow-up the work of the Preparatory Committee (20); and meetings of the Intersessional open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group to continue and finalize the process of negotiations on and drafting of the outcome document of the Durban Review Conference (20)" would be inserted at the end of the paragraph.

C. Section 28E. Administration, Geneva

Additional resource requirements: Nil

Table 7
Requirements by component and source of funds (regular budget)
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Resources		
Section	*Initial appropriation 2008-2009*	*Change*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*
28E. Administration, Geneva			
A. Executive direction and management	1 634.0	—	1 634.0
B. Programme of work			
1) Programme, planning budget and accounts	8 276.7	—	8 276.7
2) Human resources management	15 711.1	—	15 711.1
3) Support services	86 563.2	—	86 563.2
Subtotal, Programme of work	**110 551.0**	—	**110 551.0**
Total	**112 185.0**	—	**112 185.0**

27. As indicated in the statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.65/Rev.1 submitted to the General Assembly in document A/C.5/62/21, the estimated costs under section 28E for the holding of the first and second substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee and the related open-ended intergovernmental working group amounted to $13,800. These meetings are included in the calendar of conferences and meetings and the related costs were provided under section 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. However, the actual costs incurred for those meetings amounted to $22,500, exceeding the initial estimates. That fact notwithstanding, the total amount will be absorbed within the resources provided under section 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

28. As decided by the Preparatory Committee in its decision PC.3/9, the holding of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee and the related intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group would result in estimated cost of $8,900 under section 28E for the provision of support services. Based on a review of appropriations under this section, it is foreseen that this requirement would also be absorbed within the provisions approved under section 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

29. Estimates of costs under section 28E to provide support services, amounting to $3,400, for the holding of the Durban Review Conference are also required. As the Conference has already been included in the calendar of conferences and meetings, the provision for it has already been covered under section 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

V. Contingency fund

30. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

31. The Secretariat has reviewed the approved programme of work under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. It is considered that revised estimated requirements of $3,184,400, reflected in table 1 above, in response to the terms of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, which endorses the decisions taken by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational and first and second substantive sessions, relating to (a) conference services for the holding of the first and second substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee in April and May 2008, the holding of two sessions of the Intergovernmental Working Group and the requirements for the Durban Conference itself as indicated above, under section 2 ($2,409,000), (b) additional staff travel and other costs as indicated under section 23 ($740,600) and (c) conference servicing support costs as indicated under section 28E ($34,800), can be met within the appropriation of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

32. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1, additional resources of up to $570,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 would need to be sought to provide for the holding of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee ($382,900) and the intersessional open-ended intergovernmental working group established under the terms of Preparatory Committee decision PC.3/9 ($187,500).

33. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within section 2 of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium in order to meet the additional conference servicing requirements of $570,400 and would thus represent a charge against the contingency fund requiring additional appropriations under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly. It will be recalled, however, that a consolidated statement on the use of the contingency fund, reflecting the demand for the additional services, stemming from all statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates for the biennium 2008-2009 will be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Assembly towards the end of the main part of its sixty-third session, together with his proposals on the extent of utilization of the contingency fund for these additional requirements. Any further potential for absorption of these requirements would be presented at that time.

VI. Actions required of the General Assembly

34. **Should draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1 be adopted, it should be noted that the overall impact of the proposals on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as indicated in tables 1, 2 and 3 above, amounts to net additional requirements of $570,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management. The extent to which these additional requirements would need additional appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 will be determined in the context of the consolidated statement of all statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates for the biennium 2008-2009 to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the main part of its sixty-third session together with the proposals on utilization of the contingency fund for these additional requirements.**

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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights, the transition to democracy and the national reconciliation process with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including democracy and human rights groups and all relevant parties, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in that regard;

(b) To give all necessary assistance to enable his Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar to discharge their mandates fully and effectively and in a coordinated manner;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session as well as to the Human Rights Council on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009

2. The foregoing requests relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 2, Political affairs, and subprogramme 3,

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Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities, and subprogramme 4, Support for human rights thematic fact-finding procedures, of programme 19, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009.[1]

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. In his report to the General Assembly (A/63/356), the Secretary-General indicated that further efforts had been made to engage the Myanmar authorities, opposition groups and domestic stakeholders, as well as key interested Member States, in support of his good offices mission. In this engagement, the role of the United Nations is to ascertain the positions of all parties and facilitate their efforts to work together through dialogue towards a mutually acceptable process of national reconciliation and democratization. Following the official announcement of the adoption of a new Constitution, the Government of Myanmar has expressed its determination to proceed with multiparty elections by 2010, the fifth step in its seven-step road map. The Secretary-General and his Special Adviser have consistently emphasized that only a credible and inclusive political process based on mutual understanding and compromise by all stakeholders can help to advance the prospects of durable peace, national reconciliation, democracy and respect for human rights in Myanmar.

4. The Secretary-General welcomes the stated commitment of the Government of Myanmar to cooperate with his good offices in the implementation of relevant General Assembly resolutions. In that context, he urges the Government of Myanmar to take meaningful steps with tangible results in response to the concerns and expectations of the United Nations and the international community in the context of the good offices process, in particular with regard to the release of political prisoners and meaningful dialogue with all relevant stakeholders.

5. The Secretary-General is thus committed to making every effort to steer Myanmar towards national reconciliation, the transition to democracy and full respect for human rights as the necessary foundations for long-term stability and prosperity. He welcomes the constructive role played by the neighbours of Myanmar and by the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and encourages the continuation of such efforts.

6. Consistent with the requests contained in operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33, the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General would be continued in 2009, in pursuit of his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and the people of Myanmar, as well as all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process. The efforts of his good offices would be carried out through his Special Envoy and his team. The progress made in the implementation of the resolution would be reported to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

IV. Estimated resource requirements

7. The estimated costs of continuing the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General to facilitate the process of national reconciliation and

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

democratization through his Special Envoy for Myanmar, as requested in operative paragraph 6 (a), (b) and (c) of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33, for a one-year period, from 1 January to 31 December 2009, amount to $753,200 net ($837,700 gross).

8. These resources would cover the salaries for the Special Envoy including two support staff (1 P-4 and 1 General Service (Other level)); the official travel of the Special Envoy to Myanmar, neighbouring countries in the region, Europe and North America; and miscellaneous services in support of his mission. Other substantive and administrative support to the Special Envoy would be provided by the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

9. With regard to the request contained in the last part of operative paragraph 6 (a), concerning technical assistance, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. As to the request contained in operative paragraph 6 (b), pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Secretary-General in his statement of programme budget implications (see A/HRC/7/78, part two, annex II) had informed the Human Rights Council, prior to its adoption of resolution 7/32,[2] that the estimated requirements of $72,200 per annum or $144,400 per biennium required to implement the activities of the Special Rapporteur would be provided under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.[3] The Secretary-General would also inform the General Assembly of these estimated requirements in his report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its seventh and eighth sessions in 2008.

10. No additional resources are requested under Section 23, Human rights, at this juncture.

V. Summary

11. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33, additional requirements amounting to $753,200 net ($837,700 gross) would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2009, under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, for the continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar. Appropriations for these requirements would be sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346/Add.1 and Corr.1) that is being submitted to the Assembly during its current session.**

[2] Ibid., *Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/63/53), chap. II, sect. A.

[3] Ibid., *Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/62/6/Add.1).

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Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 12, 13, 14, 18 and 27 of revised draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Note the persisting backlog of reports of States parties waiting for consideration, which prevents the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination from considering the periodic reports of States parties in a timely manner and without undue delay, as well as the request of the Committee that the General Assembly authorize an extension of its meeting time, which is currently only six weeks per year;

(b) Decide to authorize the Committee to meet for an additional week per session, as a temporary measure, with effect from August 2009 until 2011;

(c) Also decide to assess the situation regarding the meeting time of the Committee at its sixty-fifth session on the basis of an evaluation made by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, taking into account a more comprehensive approach towards the backlog of human rights treaty bodies and the increasing number of reports of States parties to the human rights conventions;

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(d) Request the Secretary-General to continue to ensure adequate financial arrangements and to provide the necessary support, including an adequate level of secretariat assistance, in order to ensure the functioning of the Committee and to enable it to cope with its increasing amount of work;

(e) Invite the Chairman of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to present an oral report on the work of the Committee and to engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination".

II. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009

2. The requests relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of programme 19, Human rights; and subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009.[1] They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 23, Human rights; and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.[2]

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be carried out and additional requirements for the biennium 2008-2009

3. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1, it is estimated that additional requirements for the bienniums 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 would arise over and above the current provisions in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 to provide for staff costs, daily subsistence allowances of members of the Committee and conference-servicing requirements for 10 additional meetings in August 2009, which would be additional to the number listed in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2009. Moreover, it is estimated that 20 additional meetings per year of the Committee would be held in the biennium 2010-2011.

4. In regard to operative paragraph 13 of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was informed orally, at its seventy-third session, that an estimated $437,800 would be required for 2009, pursuant to its request to the Secretariat to consider all possible measures to enable it to meet for one additional week at its seventy-fifth session, to be held in August 2009.

5. Bearing in mind the terms of operative paragraph 13 of the draft resolution, under which the General Assembly would decide to authorize the Committee to meet for an additional week per session (two additional weeks of sessional meetings per year) in 2010 and 2011, it is anticipated that the additional meeting time would allow the Committee to consider approximately six additional reports per year and

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

[2] Ibid., *Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/62/6/Add.1).

thus to increase the number of reports considered per year by 25 per cent, which would help to prevent a further growth of the current backlog, referred to in operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution.

6. The additional meetings of the Committee would require interpretation services in all six official languages. Summary records would also be required for all of the additional meetings. The additional meetings would require an additional 160 pages of pre-session documentation in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish) and 30 pages of post-session documentation in all six official languages for 2009; and it is anticipated that 360 pages of pre-session documentation in four languages (English, French, Russian and Spanish) and 60 pages of post-session documentation in all six official languages per year would be required during the biennium 2010-2011.

7. It is estimated that additional staffing requirements at the P-2 level for six work months per year during the biennium 2010-2011 would be required under general temporary assistance.

8. With regard to operative paragraph 18 of the draft resolution, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters and also reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

9. With regard to operative paragraph 27 of the draft resolution, provisions are included in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the presentation of an oral report by the Chairman on the work of the Committee and for the Chairman's engagement in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly.

10. The additional requirements for the activities outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4 above (estimated at $437,800 for 2009) are enumerated in the table below.

11. Also enumerated below are the net requirements, totalling $1,872,400, for the 40 additional meetings of the Committee during the biennium 2010-2011, which would provide for daily subsistence allowances for the members of the Committee, staff costs under general temporary assistance at the P-2 level for six work months in each year and conference-servicing costs.

Additional requirements

(United States dollars)

Budget section	*2009*	*2010-2011*
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management: meeting servicing, interpretation and documentation	379 900	1 519 400
23. Human rights: Daily subsistence allowances for the members of the Committee	54 200	216 800
Staff costs (one P-2 for six work months per year)	—	121 600
Subtotal (Sect. 23)	**54 200**	**338 400**

Budget section	*2009*	*2010-2011*
28E. Administration, Geneva: support services	3 700	14 600
35. Staff assessment	—	14 000
Income section 1, Income from staff assessment	—	(14 000)
Total	**437 800**	**1 872 400**

IV. Modifications required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

12. Adoption of the draft resolution by the General Assembly would give rise to the following modification of the programmed outputs under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 23 and Corr.1)), arising from the amendment of the outputs already approved in respect of substantive servicing of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: in paragraph 23.66 (a) (xv), the words "substantive servicing of meetings (120)" would be replaced by the words "substantive servicing of meetings (130)".

13. The relevant outputs pertaining to the sessions of the Committee for the biennium 2010-2011 would be reflected in the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

V. Potential for absorption and contingency fund

14. No provisions have been made under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for servicing the one week of additional meetings of the Committee in 2009.

15. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under that procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

16. The Secretariat has reviewed the approved programme of work under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. It is considered that requirements indicated in the table above for 2009 under section 23, Human rights, for daily subsistence allowances for the members of the Committee ($54,200) and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, for conference-servicing support costs ($3,700) could be met from within the appropriations under those sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

17. Concerning the additional requirements of up to $379,900 that would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium

2008-2009, it is not possible at this stage to identify activities within section 2 of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium in order to meet those additional conference-servicing requirements of $379,900; hence, they would represent a charge against the contingency fund requiring additional appropriations under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, to be approved by the General Assembly at its current session. A consolidated statement on the use of the contingency fund reflecting the demand for additional requirements stemming from all statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted by the Secretary-General to the Assembly towards the end of the main part of its sixty-third session together with his proposals on the extent of utilization of the contingency fund for those additional requirements.

VI. Conclusion

18. **Should the General Assembly adopt revised draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1, it should be noted that the overall impact of the proposals on the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as indicated in paragraphs 16 and 17 above, would amount to net additional requirements of $379,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management. The extent to which an additional appropriation for the biennium 2008-2009 was required would be determined in the context of the consolidated statement of all statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates for the biennium 2008-2009 to be submitted to the General Assembly towards the end of the main part of its sixty-third session together with the proposals on the utilization of the contingency fund for those additional requirements.**

19. **Should the General Assembly adopt revised draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1, the net requirements for the biennium 2010-2011, totalling $1,872,400, under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($1,519,400); section 23, Human rights ($338,400); section 28E, Administration, Geneva ($14,600); and section 35, Staff assessment ($14,000), to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, would be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.**

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Advancement of women

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the question, including resolution 62/137 of 18 December 2007,

Deeply convinced that the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action[1] and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"[2] are important contributions to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women, and must be translated into effective action by all States, the United Nations system and other organizations concerned,

Reaffirming the commitments to gender equality and the advancement of women made at the Millennium Summit,[3] the 2005 World Summit[4] and other major United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions, and reaffirming also that their full, effective and accelerated implementation are integral to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Welcoming progress made towards achieving gender equality, but stressing that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session,

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[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[2] Resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

[3] See resolution 55/2.

[4] See resolution 60/1.

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Recognizing that the responsibility for the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session rests primarily at the national level and that strengthened efforts are necessary in this respect, and reiterating that enhanced international cooperation is essential for full, effective and accelerated implementation,

Welcoming the work of the Commission on the Status of Women in reviewing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and noting with appreciation the agreed conclusions on financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women, adopted by the Commission at its fifty-second session,[5]

Reaffirming that gender mainstreaming is a globally accepted strategy for promoting the empowerment of women and achieving gender equality by transforming structures of inequality, and reaffirming also the commitment to actively promote the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and social spheres, as well as the commitment to strengthen the capabilities of the United Nations system in the area of gender equality,

Bearing in mind the challenges and obstacles to changing discriminatory attitudes and gender stereotypes, and stressing that challenges and obstacles remain in the implementation of international standards and norms to address the inequality between men and women,

Expressing serious concern that the urgent goal of 50/50 gender balance in the United Nations system, especially at senior and policymaking levels, with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in conformity with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, remains unmet, and that the representation of women in the United Nations system has remained almost static, with negligible improvement in some parts of the system, and in some cases has even decreased, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system,[6]

Acknowledging resolution 62/277 of 15 September 2008, in particular its gender-specific provisions, and in this context encouraging the ongoing work on gender equality and the empowerment of women,

Reaffirming the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding,

Reaffirming also the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS[7] and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS adopted at the High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS, held from 31 May to 2 June 2006,[8] which, inter alia, acknowledged the feminization of the pandemic,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system,[9]

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[5] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2008, Supplement No. 7* (E/2008/27), chap. I, sect. A.

[6] A/63/364.

[7] Resolution S-26/2, annex.

[8] Resolution 60/262, annex.

[9] E/2008/53.

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken and progress achieved in follow-up to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;[10]

2. *Reaffirms* the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women,[1] the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,[2] and the declaration adopted on the occasion of the ten-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action at the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women,[11] and also reaffirms its commitment to their full, effective and accelerated implementation;

3. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the fulfilment of the obligations of States parties under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women[12] are mutually reinforcing in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women, and in this regard welcomes the contributions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to promoting the implementation of the Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, and invites States parties to the Convention to include information on measures taken to enhance implementation at the national level in their reports to the Committee under article 18 of the Convention;

4. *Calls upon* Governments, the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, and all sectors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, as well as all women and men, to fully commit themselves and to intensify their contributions to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session;

5. *Calls upon* States parties to comply fully with their obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Optional Protocol thereto[13] and to take into consideration the concluding comments as well as the general recommendations of the Committee, urges States parties to consider limiting the extent of any reservations that they lodge to the Convention, to formulate any reservations as precisely and narrowly as possible, and to regularly review such reservations with a view to withdrawing them so as to ensure that no reservation is incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention, also urges all Member States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to consider doing so, and calls upon those Member States that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the Optional Protocol;

6. *Encourages* all actors, inter alia, Governments, the United Nations system, other international organizations and civil society, to continue to support the work of the Commission on the Status of Women in fulfilling its central role in the

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[10] A/63/217.

[11] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (E/2005/27 and Corr.1), chap. I, sect. A; see also Economic and Social Council decision 2005/232.

[12] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

[13] Ibid., vol. 2131, No. 20378.

follow-up to and review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, and, as applicable, to carry out its recommendations, and welcomes in this regard the revised programme and methods of work of the Commission adopted at its fiftieth session,[14] which give particular attention to the sharing of experiences, lessons learned and good practices in overcoming challenges to full implementation at the national and international levels as well as to the evaluation of progress in the implementation of priority themes;

7. *Calls upon* Governments, and the relevant funds and programmes, organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, and invites the international financial institutions and all relevant actors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to intensify action to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, through, inter alia:

(a) Sustained political will and commitment at the national, regional and international levels to take further action, inter alia, through the mainstreaming of gender perspectives, including through the development and use of gender equality indicators, as applicable, in all policies and programmes and the promotion of full and equal participation and empowerment of women, and enhanced international cooperation;

(b) Promotion and protection of, and respect for, the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by women and girls, including through the full implementation by States of their obligations under all human rights instruments, especially the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

(c) Ensuring full representation and full and equal participation of women in political, social and economic decision-making as an essential condition for gender equality, and the empowerment of women and girls as a critical factor in the eradication of poverty;

(d) Involving women actively in environmental decision-making at all levels, integrating gender concerns and perspectives in policies and programmes for sustainable development, and strengthening or establishing mechanisms at the national, regional and international levels to assess the impact of development and environmental policies and strategies, including those related to climate change, deforestation and desertification, on women;

(e) Integrating a gender perspective into the design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of national environmental policies, strengthening mechanisms and providing adequate resources to ensure women's full and equal participation in decision-making at all levels on environmental issues, in particular on strategies related to the impact of climate change on the lives of women and girls;

(f) Enhancing the role of women at all levels and in all aspects of rural development, agriculture, nutrition and food security, including by ensuring legislation and administrative reforms, including access to ownership and control

[14] See Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/9.

over land and other forms of property, credit, inheritance, natural resources and new technology;

(g) Providing technical assistance to women, particularly in developing countries, to ensure the continuing promotion of human resources development and the development of environmentally sound technologies and of women's entrepreneurship;

(h) Respect for the rule of law, including legislation, and continued efforts to repeal laws and eradicate policies and practices that discriminate against women and girls, and to adopt laws and promote practices that protect their rights;

(i) Strengthening the role of national institutional mechanisms for gender equality and the advancement of women, including through financial and other appropriate assistance, to increase their direct impact on women;

(j) Undertaking socio-economic policies that promote sustainable development and ensure poverty eradication programmes, especially for women and girls, and strengthening the provision of and ensuring equal access to adequate, affordable and accessible public and social services, including education and training at all levels, as well as to all types of permanent and sustainable social protection/social security systems for women throughout their life cycle, and supporting national efforts in this regard;

(k) Promoting and supporting increased access of all women and girls to information and communications technology, particularly women and girls living in poverty, women and girls living in rural and remote areas and in disadvantaged situations, and enhancing international support to overcome the digital divide among countries and regions, between women and men and girls and boys;

(l) Taking further steps to ensure that the education system and the media, to the extent consistent with freedom of expression, support the use of non-stereotypic, balanced and diverse images of women presenting them as key actors of the process of development as well as promoting non-discriminatory roles of women and men in their private and public life;

(m) Ensuring women's and girls' full and equal access to all levels of quality education and training, while ensuring progressively and on the basis of equal opportunities, that primary education is compulsory, accessible and available free to all;

(n) Incorporating gender perspectives and human rights in health-sector policies, programmes and research activities, paying attention to women's and girls' specific needs and priorities, ensuring women's right to the highest attainable standards of health and their access to affordable and adequate health-care services, including sexual, reproductive and maternal health care and lifesaving obstetric care, in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[15] and recognizing that the lack of economic empowerment and independence has increased women's vulnerability to a range of negative consequences, involving the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other poverty-related diseases;

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[15] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

(o) Eliminating gender inequalities, gender-based abuse and violence; increasing the capacity of women and adolescent girls to protect themselves from the risk of HIV infection, principally through the provision of health care and services, including sexual and reproductive health, and the provision of full access to comprehensive information and education; ensuring that women can exercise their right to have control over, and decide freely and responsibly on, matters related to their sexuality in order to increase their ability to protect themselves from HIV infection, including their sexual and reproductive health, free of coercion, discrimination and violence; and taking all necessary measures to create an enabling environment for the empowerment of women and to strengthen their economic independence, while, in this context, reiterating the importance of the role of men and boys in achieving gender equality;

(p) Strengthening national health and social infrastructures to reinforce measures to promote women's access to public health and taking action at the national level to address shortages of human resources for health, by, inter alia, developing, financing and implementing policies, within national development strategies, to improve training and management and effectively govern the recruitment, retention and deployment of health workers, including through international cooperation in this area;

(q) Adequate mobilization of resources at the national and international levels, as well as new and additional resources for the developing countries, including the least developed countries and countries with economies in transition, from all available funding mechanisms, including multilateral, bilateral and private sources;

(r) Increased partnerships among Governments, civil society and the private sector;

(s) Encouraging joint responsibility of men and boys with women and girls in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, based on the conviction that this is essential to the achievement of the goals of gender equality and the empowerment of women, development and peace;

(t) Removing structural and legal barriers, as well as eliminating stereotypic attitudes, to gender equality at work, promoting equal pay for equal work or work of equal value and promoting the recognition of the value of women's unremunerated work, as well as developing and promoting policies that facilitate the reconciliation of employment and family responsibilities;

8. *Reaffirms* that States have an obligation to exercise due diligence to prevent violence against women and girls, provide protection to the victims and investigate, prosecute and punish the perpetrators of violence against women and girls, and that failure to do so violates and impairs or nullifies the enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, and calls upon Governments to elaborate and implement laws and strategies to eliminate violence against women and girls;

9. *Welcomes* the adoption of Security Council resolution 1820 (2008) of 19 June 2008;

10. *Calls upon* Governments, in this regard, to promote awareness and information campaigns on women's rights and the responsibility to respect them,

including in rural areas, and to encourage men and boys to speak out strongly against violence against women;

11. *Strongly encourages* Governments to continue to support the role and contribution of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and women's organizations, in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session;

12. *Resolves* to intensify the efforts of its Main Committees and subsidiary bodies to fully mainstream a gender perspective in their work, including by paying more attention to issues related to the status of women under their consideration and within their mandates, as well as in all United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions and in their follow-up processes;

13. *Requests* that reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies systematically address gender perspectives through qualitative gender analysis and, where available, quantitative data, in particular through concrete conclusions and recommendations for further action on gender equality and the advancement of women, in order to facilitate gender-sensitive policy development;

14. *Urges* Governments and all entities of the United Nations system, including United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, and all relevant actors of civil society, to ensure the integration of gender perspectives in the implementation of and follow-up to all United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions and to give attention to gender perspectives in preparation for such events, including the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development in Doha in 2008;

15. *Reaffirms its call* to include a gender perspective in the consideration of all issues in the agenda and activities of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Human Rights Council;

16. *Encourages* the Economic and Social Council to continue its efforts to ensure that gender mainstreaming is an integral part of its work and that of its subsidiary bodies, through, inter alia, implementation of its agreed conclusions 1997/2 of 18 July 1997[16] and its resolution 2004/4 of 7 July 2004;

17. *Welcomes* the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council,[17] which, inter alia, reaffirmed the commitment to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women, recognizing that they are key actors in development, and to identifying and accelerating concrete actions towards that end;

18. *Requests* all bodies that deal with programme and budgetary matters, including the Committee for Programme and Coordination, to ensure that programmes, plans and budgets visibly mainstream gender perspectives;

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[16] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/52/3/Rev.1), chap. IV, para. 4.

[17] See A/63/3, chap. IV, sect. F, para. 119. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 3*.

19. *Reaffirms* the primary and essential role of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the central role of the Commission on the Status of Women, in promoting the advancement of women and gender equality;

20. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to continue to encourage its functional commissions to mainstream a gender perspective in their respective follow-up actions to major United Nations conferences and summits and to develop more effective means to ensure the implementation of outcomes on gender equality at the national level, including through increased consultation with the Commission on the Status of Women;

21. *Underlines* the catalytic role played by the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as the important role played by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in promoting and monitoring gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system;

22. *Requests* that the entities of the United Nations system systematically incorporate the outcomes of the Commission on the Status of Women into their work within their mandates, inter alia, to ensure effective support for the efforts of Member States towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women;

23. *Reaffirms* the commitment made at the 2005 World Summit to the full and effective implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000, while noting the eighth anniversary of its adoption and the open debates in the Council on women and peace and security, and encourages Governments to ensure systematic attention to, recognition of and support for the role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding efforts;

24. *Urges* Governments and the United Nations system to take further steps to ensure the integration of a gender perspective and the full and equal participation of women in all efforts to promote peace and security, including in peace negotiations, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and post-conflict situations, as well as to increase their role in decision-making at all levels, including through the development of national action plans and strategies;

25. *Calls upon* all parts of the United Nations system to continue to play an active role in ensuring the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, through, inter alia, the work of the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women and the maintenance of gender specialists in all entities of the United Nations system, as well as by ensuring that all personnel, especially in the field, receive training and appropriate follow-up, including tools, guidance and support, for accelerated gender mainstreaming, and reaffirms the need to strengthen the capabilities of the United Nations system in the area of gender;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review and redouble his efforts to make progress towards achieving the goal of 50/50 gender balance at all levels in the Secretariat and throughout the United Nations system, with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in conformity with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, considering, in particular, women from developing and least developed countries, from countries with economies in

transition and from unrepresented or largely underrepresented Member States, and to ensure managerial and departmental accountability with respect to gender balance targets, and strongly encourages Member States to identify and regularly submit more women candidates for appointment to positions in the United Nations system, especially at more senior and policymaking levels;

27. *Encourages* the subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly to incorporate gender-equality perspectives systematically in their discussions and outcomes, including through effective use of the analysis, data and recommendations contained in reports of the Secretary-General, and to follow up on the outcomes;

28. *Requests* that reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly facilitate gender-sensitive policy development by more systematically including qualitative gender analysis, data and recommendations for further action;

29. *Calls upon* the United Nations system to continue its efforts towards achieving the goal of gender balance, including with the active support of gender focal points, and requests the Secretary-General to provide an oral report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions, to report to the General Assembly on a biennial basis, beginning at its sixty-fifth session, under the item entitled "Advancement of women", and to include in his report on human resources management information on the status of women in the United Nations system, including on progress made and obstacles encountered in achieving gender balance, recommendations for accelerating progress, and up-to-date statistics, including the number and percentage of women and their functions and nationalities throughout the United Nations system, and information on the responsibility and accountability of the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat and the secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for promoting gender balance;

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report annually to the General Assembly under the item entitled "Advancement of women", as well as to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council, on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, with an assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and recommendations on further measures to enhance implementation.

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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Uganda:* amendment to draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.35/Rev.1

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

1. In operative paragraph 5:

(a) Delete the words "in which the death penalty has not been abolished to prevent extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, by complying";

(b) After the words "*Calls upon* all States" insert the words "in order to prevent extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, to comply";

(c) Delete the words "including in particular articles 6, 7 and 14";

(d) After the words "international human rights instruments" insert the words ", and further calls upon those States that retain the death penalty to pay particular regard to the provisions contained in articles 6, 14 and 15".

2. The amended paragraph would then read as follows:

> *Calls upon* all States, in order to prevent extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions, to comply with their obligations under relevant provisions of international human rights instruments, and further calls upon those States that retain the death penalty to pay particular regard to the provisions contained in articles 6, 14 and 15 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and articles 37 and 40 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, bearing in mind the safeguards and guarantees set out in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1984/50 of 25 May 1984 and 1989/64 of 24 May 1989 and taking into account the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur regarding the need to respect essential procedural guarantees, including the right to seek pardon or commutation of sentence;"

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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

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Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

1. In operative paragraph 6 (b):

(a) Delete the words "killings of persons affected by terrorism, hostage-taking or foreign occupation, killings";

(b) Before the word "refugees" insert the words "peoples under foreign occupation";

(c) Replace the words "including sexual orientation" with the word "whatsoever".

2. The amended paragraph would read as follows:

"To ensure the effective protection of the right to life of all persons under their jurisdiction and to investigate promptly and thoroughly all killings, including those targeted at specific groups of persons, such as racially motivated violence leading to the death of the victim, killings of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, of peoples under foreign occupation, refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants, street children or members of indigenous communities, killings of persons for reasons related to their activities as human rights defenders, lawyers, journalists or demonstrators, killings committed in the name of passion or in the name of honour, all killings committed for any discriminatory reason whatsoever, as well as all other cases where a person's right to life has been violated, and to bring those responsible to justice before a competent, independent and impartial judiciary at the national or, where appropriate, international level, and to ensure that such killings, including those committed

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by security forces, police and law enforcement agents, paramilitary groups or private forces, are neither condoned nor sanctioned by State officials or personnel;"

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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Tentative programme of work of the Third Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, submitted by the Chairman of the Committee

Item 1. Social development:

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

(c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing;

(d) Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons.

Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

Item 3. International drug control.

Item 4. Advancement of women:

(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

Item 5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

Item 6. Indigenous issues:

(a) Indigenous issues;

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

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Item 7. Promotion and protection of human rights:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Item 8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

Item 9. Right of peoples to self-determination.

Item 10. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

Item 11. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of the operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1, the General Assembly would take note of the report of the Human Rights Council (A/63/53 and Add.1) and endorse the recommendations contained therein.

II. Relationship of the draft resolution to the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009

2. The activities to be carried out under the terms of the resolution relate to: (a) programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; (b) subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of programme 19, Human rights; and (c) subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009. They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 23, Human rights, and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

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III. Activities through which the requests would be implemented and additional requirements

3. The programme budget implications set out in the present report relate solely to the recommendations contained in the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth session, as contained in its report to the General Assembly (A/63/53/Add.1).

4. At its ninth session, the Human Rights Council adopted a number of resolutions and decisions by which it authorized relevant human rights bodies and special procedures to continue their activities, or undertake additional activities, including meetings, in excess of the resources approved in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Council was provided, where appropriate, with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of those resolutions and decisions.

5. A summary of the requirements arising from the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth session is contained in the annex to the present report. It should be noted that Council resolutions 9/1, 9/3, 9/14, 9/15, 9/17 and 9/19 and the presidential statement of 24 September 2008 (PRST 9/1), would require a total amount of $1,681,700, for the implementation of activities that are considered to be of a "perennial nature". This amount has been provided for in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. With regard to Council resolutions 9/2, 9/3, 9/7, 9/18 and its decision 9/101, no provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the additional requirements of $467,600. These requirements will be absorbed, to the extent possible, and will be addressed in the context of the second performance for the biennium 2008-2009. The requirements for the biennium 2010-2011 will be addressed in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

6. In its decision 9/103, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-third session, a report with details of the resources required to ensure the provision of necessary services indicated in the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on conference facilities and financial support for the Council (A/HRC/9/18) and recommended that the General Assembly ensure the establishment of an office of the President of the Human Rights Council, with adequate staffing resources.

7. With regard to decision 9/103, in its above-mentioned report, the Office of the High Commissioner informed the Human Rights Council that additional staff resources, provisionally estimated at approximately $7,500,000 per year, would be required to ensure the appropriate level of conference support required by the Council, including requirements for additional infrastructure and webcasting. Following further review and analysis of the additional resource requirements, the amount has been revised to $6,130,200 (gross), to be offset by an amount of $231,900 under staff assessment or $5,898,300 (net) under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

IV. Detailed explanation, including full costs, of the requirements under Human Rights Council decision 9/103

8. The programme budget implications arising from Human Rights Council decision 9/103 are detailed in tables 1 to 3 below:

Table 1
Summary by section

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Initial appropriation 2008-2009	*Additional requirements*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*	*Additional post requirements*
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	629 339.8	4 944.2	634 284.0	13
23. Human rights	116 938.4	392.7	117 331.1	
27. Public information	184 000.5	221.9	184 222.4	1
28E. Administration, Geneva	112 185.0	339.5	112 524.5	
35. Staff assessment	461 366.0	231.9	461 597.9	
Total	**1 503 829.7**	**6 130.2**	**1 509 959.9**	**14**

Table 2
Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Resources		
	Initial appropriation 2008-2009	*Additional requirements*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*
Posts	781 541.0	1 206.0	782 747.0
Other staff costs	74 433.7	4 273.7	78 707.4
Non-staff compensation	0.2	—	0.2
Consultants and experts	977.2	—	977.2
Travel of representatives	14 715.0	—	14 715.0
Travel of staff	4 254.5	—	4 254.5
Contractual services	41 193.4	75.0	41 268.4
General operating expenses	50 824.4	244.9	51 069.3
Hospitality	156.5	—	156.5
Supplies and materials	13 056.2	7.0	13 063.2
Furniture and equipment	10 490.5	91.7	10 582.2
Grants and contributions	50 821.1	—	50 821.1
Other	461 366.0	231.9	461 597.9
Total	**1 503 829.70**	**6 130.2**	**1 509 959.9**

Table 3
Summary by posts by category

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Grade	*Initial appropriation 2008-2009*	*Additional post requirements*	*Revised 2008-2009 estimate*
Professional category and above			
USG/DSG	3		3
ASG	2		2
D-2	14		14
D-1	53		53
P-5	266	2	268
P-4/3	1 128	12	1 140
P-2/1	125		125
Subtotal	**1 591**	**14**	**1 605**
General Service category			
Principal level	116		116
Other level	1 287	0	1 287
Subtotal	**1 403**	**0**	**1 403**
Other categories			
Security Service			
Local level	198		198
Field Service			
National Officer	45		45
Trades and Crafts	76		76
Subtotal	**319**		**319**
Total	**3 313**	**14**	**3 327**

A. Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

9. Under section 2 of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, the increase in the level of documentation arising from the requirements of the Human Rights Council has resulted in an increase of 26 per cent in the translation workload of the Conference Services Division of the United Nations Office at Geneva, as compared to the previous biennium, and is also the main cause of the expected increase in the workload in editorial services and in the production of summary records.

10. In order to process the additional 5,370 pages of documentation estimated in 2009 for the three sessions on the universal periodic review and to produce summary records for the additional 142 meetings, the language services of the Division would require: (a) two additional P-5 posts for Senior Revisers to deal with

increased volume of documentation to be translated under contractual arrangements; (b) two P-4 Revisers and six P-3 Translators to augment the capacity of the English and French Translation Sections to cover the production of summary records for the additional 10 weeks of the sessions of the Human Rights Council (100 fully serviced meetings), the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (20 meetings with summary records) and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (22 meetings with summary records), as well as to deal with the summary records backlog (in 2009, this estimated workload would represent a total of 142 additional meetings requiring summary records); (c) three Editors (2 P-4 and 1 P-3), required to augment the capacity of the Division to meet the increased editorial workload; and (d) temporary assistance for meetings for documentation processing. In regard to the latter requirement for temporary assistance, an annual additional provision of $3,816,000 is required to handle work for which submission dates are not predictable, as well as to accommodate activities of the Council, which, given its entitlements, can be announced on short notice and may coincide with periods of heavy workload. The requirement also takes into consideration the resources needed to process the reports under the universal periodic review mechanism, which are submitted to the Council as official documents.

11. The additional resource requirements under this section would amount to $4,944,200 for the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The requirements for the biennium 2010-2011, estimated at $11,851,500, will be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

B. Section 23. Human rights

12. Since the establishment of the Human Rights Council, the President of the Council has been supported by the staff of his/her own mission. In addition, in liaison and coordination with the Bureau of the Council, ad hoc support from diplomats from other missions on loan arrangements has been provided to the President when support was not available from his/her own mission.

13. As an intergovernmental body, the Presidency of the Human Rights Council is subject to election on the basis of regional rotation. The Council secretariat at OHCHR provides comprehensive technical and substantive support to the President, his/her Bureau and to the Council as a whole. Such support does not, however, extend to personal assistance functions relating to the scheduling and handling of bilateral political meetings since the secretariat has the obligation to serve all Members of the United Nations in a fair, objective and transparent manner. The secretariat cannot be involved in political negotiations and cannot handle requests that are outside its functions and responsibilities. Should one of their representatives be elected to the Presidency of the Council in future, it is anticipated that some small missions could face difficulties in providing sufficient support owing to lack of resources and/or capacity.

14. In this connection, it is proposed that an independent office of the President of the Human Rights Council would require two P-3 and one General Service (Other level) staffing posts to manage the bilateral meetings of the President. These additional resources, amounting to approximately $392,700 under general temporary assistance, would be required under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The resource requirements for the biennium

2010-2011, estimated at $785,400, would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

C. Section 27. Public information

15. It will be recalled that, since the establishment of the Human Rights Council, various reports have been submitted to the General Assembly on ways and means to provide the Council with the required services, including the provision of webcasting and public information services.

16. With regard to the requirements for webcasting and public information services, it will be recalled that, in his report on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 2, 23, 27, 28E and 35 and income section 1 and proposal related to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from the implementation of decisions of the Human Rights Council (A/62/125), the Secretary-General outlined the programmatic and financial consequences of Human Rights Council decision 3/104. In that context, the Secretary-General indicated that resources amounting to $1,356,800 would be required under section 27, Public information, in the biennium of 2008-2009, for the provision of press, radio, television, photo coverage and webcast transmission, on a regular basis, of all regular and special sessions of the Human Rights Council. By its resolution 62/238, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/62/7/Add.25), whereby the Committee noted the additional activities proposed under section 27, as described in the report of the Secretary-General, and the pragmatic approach being taken to the requirement for webcasting for the Human Rights Council. However, taking into account the overall expenditure pattern under section 27 for the current biennium, the Committee was of the opinion that no net additional resource requirements should arise under section 27 for the biennium 2008-2009. Consequently, no additional appropriation was approved under section 27, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

17. It will also be recalled that at the time of adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84, entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council", the Secretary-General issued a statement of programme budget implications (A/C.5/62/12) informing the General Assembly that should the draft resolution be adopted, additional resources amounting to $353,700 would be required under section 27, Public information, in the biennium 2008-2009 for the provision of press, radio, television, photo coverage and webcast transmission required arising from the implementation of the Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, entitled "Institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council". By its resolution 62/238, the General Assembly did not approve the additional resources under section 27, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

18. Against this backdrop, in order to implement the provisions contained in draft resolution of A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1, it is estimated that additional requirements amounting to $221,900 would be required under section 27, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, which includes the proposed establishment of one P-3 post for a Radio and Television Producer. The related requirements would provide for information services, in particular those relating to press, radio, television and photo coverage. For the biennium 2010-2011, the

continuing requirements for press, radio, television and photo coverage, estimated at $579,000, will be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

19. With regard to webcasting services, it is anticipated that an additional provision in the amount of approximately $4,355,500 would be required under section 27, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. That requirement will be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

D. Section 28E, Administration, Geneva

20. As detailed above, the implementation of Human Rights Council decision 9/103 would give rise to the establishment of 14 posts, 13 posts under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and one post under section 27, Public information. To provide accommodation and common support service to the 14 proposed new posts, estimated additional resources amounting to $339,500 would be required in 2009 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, comprising:

(a) A one-time requirement of $225,600 for accommodation, furnishing and office automation equipment and software;

(b) Recurrent requirements of $113,900 per year for rental of office space ($77,500), general operating expenses ($29,400) and office supplies and materials ($7,000).

21. These additional requirements of $339,500 would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. In addition, the recurrent requirements, estimated at $113,900, will be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

E. Section 35, Staff assessment

Income section 1

22. The proposals for new posts presented under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 27, Public information ($167,800), and general temporary assistance under section 23, Human rights ($64,100), for the biennium 2008-2009 will give rise to additional requirements for staff assessment under section 35, Staff assessment, in the total amount of $231,900. This provision will be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

V. Overall requirements

23. As shown in the annex to the present report, the implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth session, inclusive of decision 9/103, give rise to total requirements of $8,047,600 (net). Of that amount, $1,681,700 would be met within the resources already appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for activities of a "perennial nature". It is anticipated that, to the extent possible, $467,600 will be

accommodated within the existing appropriation and may, as necessary, be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2008-2009.

24. With regard to Human Rights Council decision 9/103, additional resource requirements amounting to $6,130,200 (gross) ($5,898,300 (net)) would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($4,944,200), section 23, Human rights ($392,700), section 27, Public information ($221,900), section 28E, Administration, Geneva ($339,500), and section 35, Staff assessment ($231,900), to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

VI. Potential for absorption and the contingency fund

25. No provisions have been made under sections 2, 23, 27 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the requirements resulting from Human Rights Council decision 9/103.

26. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

27. The Secretariat has sought to identify areas from which resources can be redeployed to meet the additional requirements relating to the substantive support to the Council, the conference-servicing and other support services requirements referred to above. It is considered that additional requirements could be absorbed within the provisions of section 23, Human rights ($467,600), of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The balance of $5,898,300 (net) of the estimated additional requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($4,944,200), section 23, Human rights ($392,700), section 27, Public information ($221,900), and section 28E, Administration, Geneva ($339,500), cannot be absorbed within the approved appropriation of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Therefore, additional appropriation would be sought with regard to the amount of $5,898,300 (net).

VII. Action required of the General Assembly

28. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1, additional resources amounting to $5,898,300 (net) for the biennium 2008-2009 would be required, over and above the level of resources approved under sections 2, 23, 27 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 as follows:**

(a) **An increase of $4,944,200 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management;**

(b) **An increase of $339,500 under section 23, Human rights;**

(c) **An increase of $221,900 under section 27, Public information;**

(d) **An increase of $339,500 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva.**

29. **The General Assembly is requested to take note of the fact that the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth session would require: (a) an amount of $1,681,700 for which provisions have already been foreseen under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009; and (b) an amount of $467,600 for which provisions have not been foreseen under the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, but which will be absorbed to the extent possible and will be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2008-2009.**

30. Given the complexity and enormity of the full programme budget implications for draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1, the Secretariat is submitting a shortened version of financial implications for the consideration of the Third Committee. Detailed information on financial implications, with full justifications, will be submitted for the consideration of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee accordingly.

Annex

Summary of requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth session[a]

(Thousands of United States dollars)

		2008-2009				
Human Rights Council resolutions and decisions and presidential statements		*Budget section*	*Requirements*	*Existing provision in the programme budget*	*Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation*	*Additional requirements for the biennium 2008-2009*
Resolutions						
9/1	Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights	23	116.8	116.8	—	—
9/2	Human rights and international solidarity	23	33.5	—	33.5	—
9/3	Right to development	2	279.0	279.0	—	—
		23	368.0	132.2	235.8	—
		28E	6.0	6.0	—	—
9/7	Human rights and indigenous peoples	23	38.9	—	38.9	—
9/11	Right to the truth	2	—	—	—	—
		23	—	—	—	—
		28E	—	—	—	—
9/14	Mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent	2	519.2	519.2	—	—
		23	297.2	255.2	42.0	—
		28E	14.0	14.0	—	—
9/15	Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia	23	106.4	106.4	—	—
9/17	Situation of human rights in the Sudan	23	102.6	102.6	—	—
9/18	Follow-up to resolution S-3/1: human rights violations emanating from Israeli military incursions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the shelling of Beit Hanoun	23	25.1	—	25.1	—

[a] Provision made in the 2008-2009 programme budget.

Human Rights Council resolutions and decisions and presidential statements	*Budget section*	*Requirements*	*Existing provisions in the programme budget*	*Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation*	*Additional requirements for the biennium 2008-2009*
			2008-2009		
9/19 Advisory services and technical assistance for Burundi	23	97.6	97.6		
Decisions					
9/101 Missing persons	23	92.3		92.3	
9/103 Strengthening of the Human Rights Council	2	4 944.2	—		4 944.2
	23	392.7	—		392.7
	27	221.9	—		221.9
	28E	330.5	—		330.5
Presidential statements					
PRST/9/1 Situation of human rights in Haiti	23	52.7	52.7		
Total		8 047.6	1 681.7	467.6	5 898.3